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Notice of Intention To Commence Large Mining Operations

US Oil Sands (Utah) Inc.
PR Spring Mine
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Introduction

US Oil Sands (Utah) Inc. (Earth Energy) is a publicly held Canadian firm engaged in the development of process technology for extraction of bitumen from naturally occurring tar sand deposits in the United States and Canada. Earth Energy holds State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) oil sands leases on 5,930 acres in Utah's Uinta Basin, near PR Spring. The PR Spring deposits are the largest of the Uinta Basin special Tar Sand Areas defined by the U.S. Geological Survey. Within the SITLA lease areas, Earth Energy has defined a 2,255-acre Study Area for the PR Spring Mine. The initial mine development under this NOI will take place in the southeastern part of this Study Area on approximately 213 acres (referred to throughout this NOI as the Affected Area) (See Figures 1 and 2). The Affected Area is equivalent to the area that will be disturbed and the area that will be bonded for and reclaimed. The remaining 2,042 acres within the Study Area were the subject of environmental data collection efforts, but will not be subject to disturbance under this NOI. Should additional mine development be planned in the future, beyond that described herein as occurring on the 213-acre Affected Area, permit amendments or revisions would be required. amendments or revisions would address any expansion that would occur, including details on any needed re-handling of materials, alterations to the processing plant, etc. Conditional Use Permits (CUP) for the mine from Uintah and Grand Counties are included in Appendix B.

Earth Energy has patented a chemical method for extraction of hydrocarbons from oil sands. Known as the Ophus Process, this production method produces clean (inert), "damp-dry" sand tailings that can be backfilled into the quarry. The planned sequence of exploration and pilot processing and production tests underway are intended to refine and adapt the process to fit the unique characteristics of the Utah PR Spring deposits. Oil (tar) sands in Utah vary significantly from the oil sand deposits and extraction methods commonly used in the Athabasca oil sands of Alberta.

Earth Energy conducted exploration drilling in spring of 2005 under Exploration Permit (E/019/052), Earth Energy PR Spring 1 Project (less than ½-acre disturbance). Additional drilling was conducted under Exploration Permit (E/019/053) within a 100-acre area along Seep Ridge Road. These programs included twenty-five 4-inch diameter holes drilled to depth of 50 to150 feet on 30-foot by 30-foot drill pads located on drill roads or adjacent to the main Seep Ridge Road. The drilling programs were used to select the 5-acre mine site for the fall 2005 production test conducted under a Small Mine Permit, Leonard Murphy #1 (S/019/059).

Other geophysical activities have been ongoing in a small portion of Earth Energy's lease area. These existing rights and activities ongoing in the area are described below in Section 104.2.

R647-4-104. Operator(s), Surface and Mineral Owner(s)

104.1. Operator Responsible for Mining Operations/Reclamation of the Site

MINE NAME: PR Spring

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LOCATION OF OPERATION: Uintah and Grand Counties, Utah (the CUP's are attached in Appendix B)

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Coordinate System: UTM Datum NAD27 4369592 km Northing, 645187 km Easting, Zone 12

Sections: T. 15 S., R. 23 E., SLB&M, Uintah County, Sections 35 & 36. T. 15.5 S., R. 24 E., SLB&M, Grand County, Sections 31& 32.

The Uintah County portion of the operations will be on lands under Indian Jurisdiction (tribal land but not part of an Indian Reservation). As such, certain aspects of environmental permitting for the PR Spring Operation will be handled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rather than Utah's Department of Environmental Quality.